




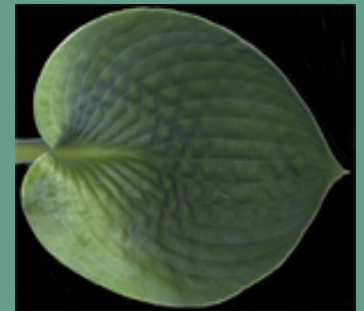
Welcome to the June issue of our newsletter. This is a really busy time of year for us as we are in the throes of the show season. Last weekend we were at an NCCPG Specialist Plant Sale at Helmingham Hall and the Flower and Continental Market at Bury St Edmunds. Talk about a rough Bank Holiday - the weather was foul but managing to meet lots of new customers made up for the drenching. This month we look at the impact of *h.* 'Tokudama' on the development of new cultivars...

***H.* 'Tokudama'** is a beautiful, slow growing hosta that has many offspring. The following table lists sports, crosses and hybrids that have been introduced from *h.* 'Tokudama', both directly and as a result of further breeding. As usual we have focused on cultivars we have in our own collection:

 <p><i>H.</i> 'Blue Cadet' Hybrid registered in 1974</p>	→	<i>H.</i> 'Blue Heaven' Cross by Aden registered in 1976
	→	<i>H.</i> 'Gold Edger' Sport registered in 1978
	→	<i>H.</i> 'Lakeside Neat Petite' - cross with <i>h.</i> <i>venusta</i> registered in 1991
	→	<i>H.</i> 'Toy Soldier' Sport registered in 2000
	→	<i>H.</i> 'Blueberry Tart' - cross with <i>h.</i> 'Fall Bouquet' registered in 2005
	→	<i>H.</i> 'Red Cadet' - cross with <i>h.</i> 'Riptide' registered in 2005
	→	<i>H.</i> 'Beauty Little Blue' - unregistered cross with <i>h.</i> <i>clausa</i> 'Normalis'
	 <p><i>H.</i> 'Serendipity' Cross with <i>h.</i> 'Blue Cadet' - registered in 1978</p>	→
→		<i>H.</i> 'Moongate Little Dipper' Cross with <i>h.</i> 'Blue Blazes' registered in 1996
 <p><i>H.</i> 'Blue Umbrellas' Cross with <i>h.</i> <i>sieboldiana</i> 'Elegans' registered in 1978</p>	→	<i>H.</i> 'Gold Bug' Hybrid registered in 2000
	→	<i>H.</i> 'Potomac Pride' Cross with <i>h.</i> <i>yingeri</i> registered in 1995
	→	<i>H.</i> 'Blazing Saddles' Cross with <i>h.</i> 'Beatrice' registered in 2000
	→	<i>H.</i> 'Dancing in the Rain' Sport registered in 2004
		<i>H.</i> 'Julia Hardy' - cross with <i>h.</i> 'Big Mama' registered in 1978
		<i>H.</i> 'Summer Snow' - cross with <i>h.</i> <i>sieboldiana</i> registered in 1978

Vital statistics...

Mound size: a medium sized plant growing to between 15-18" tall.
Leaves: 8" long x 6" wide. The leaves are nicely rugose and of a heavy texture so more resistant to slug and snail damage.
Flowers: white with a tinge of lavender.





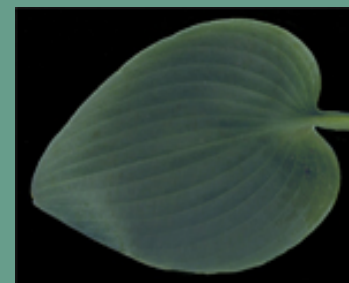
h. 'Tokudama'

Some specialists have classified *h.* 'Tokudama' as a species but just as many declare it to be a cultivar. Below are some of our favourite cultivars from *h.* 'Tokudama', and its offspring, include:



***H.* 'Dancing in the Rain'**
Sport of *h.* 'Blue Umbrellas' registered in 2004

H. 'Betcher's Blue' - hybrid registered in 1986	
H. 'Buckshaw Blue' Cross with <i>h. sieboldiana</i> registered in 1986	→ H. 'Devon Mist' Cross registered in 2005
H. 'Carder Blue' Hybrid registered in 1986	→ H. 'Grand Marquee' Sport registered in 2005
H. 'Pelham Blue Tump' - hybrid registered in 1986	
	→ H. 'Little Aurora' - cross with <i>h. 'Golden Waffles'</i> registered in 1978
	→ H. 'Blue Shadows' Sport registered in 1980
	→ H. 'Iron Gate Supreme' - cross with <i>h. plantaginea</i> registered in 1980.
	→ H. 'King Tut' Hybrid registered in 1981
H. 'Tokudama Aureonebulosa' Sport registered in 1987	→ H. 'Bingo' Hybrid registered in 1993
	→ H. 'Blue Hawaii' Cross with <i>h. 'Bengee'</i> and <i>h. 'Sagee'</i> registered in 1999
	→ H. 'Sunny Delight' - cross with <i>h. 'Sweet Susan'</i> registered in 2000
	→ H. 'Golden Medallion' Sport registered in 1984
	→ H. 'Golden Bullion' Sport registered in 1989
	→ H. 'Cool Hand Luke' Unregistered sport
H. 'Aksarben' - cross with <i>h. sieboldiana</i> registered in 1988	
H. 'Lime Krinkles' - hybrid registered in 1988	
H. 'Mogul' - cross with <i>h. 'August Moon'</i> registered in 1988	
H. 'Abiqua Drinking Gourd' - cross with <i>h. sieboldiana</i> registered in 1989	
H. 'Wayside Blue' Hybrid registered in 1989	→ H. 'Golden Empress' Hybrid registered in 1990
	→ H. 'Golden Delight' Hybrid registered in 1994
H. 'Blue Plisse' - cross with <i>h. sieboldiana</i> registered in 1990	
H. 'Crinoline Petticoats' - cross with <i>h. sieboldiana</i> registered in 1990	
H. 'Kiwi Sunshine' - cross with <i>h. sieboldiana</i> registered in 1999	
H. 'Bright Lights' Unregistered sport	→ H. Heat Wave' Unregistered sport



H. 'Betcher's Blue'
Hybrid of *h. 'Tokudama'* registered in 1986



H. 'Blazing Saddles'
Cross of *h. 'Blue Umbrellas'* with *h. 'Beatrice'* registered in 2000



H. Heat Wave'
Unregistered sport of *h. 'Bright Lights'*



H. 'King Tut'
Hybrid of *h. 'Tokudama Aureonebulosa'* registered in 1981

Please remember ... if you wish to visit us at the nursery to check **our calendar** to see when we are about.

Next month: We look at how you can control the growth of your hostas...

The advice and opinions contained within this monthly newsletter have been formed over more than 30 years of experience with the Hosta genus. We are constantly learning and refining that knowledge and would welcome any suggestions that readers of this newsletter would like to make so please [contact us](#).

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